

**REMARKS**

**Pending Claims**

Claims 1-3 and 14 have been amended and claims 1-15 are currently pending in the above-identified application.

**35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regards as the invention. In response, Applicants have amended the claims to overcome the rejection. In particular, the claims have been amended to include the transitional term "comprising" to clarify where the elements of the analyzer begin. Further, the claims have been amended to clarify that the washing means washes the pipetting probe. Still further, Applicants clarify that the same or standard sample is tested with respect to the reagents using the reagent pipetting probe and the result is memorized to be used in the comparison with the judgment result to determine when the results differ more than a predetermined amount, in order to judge that the state of the washing means has changed.

Accordingly, claims 1-15, as amended, comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

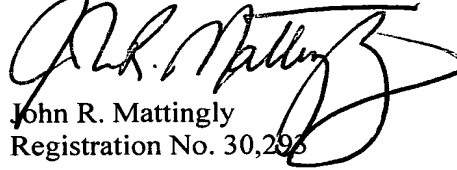
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**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants contend that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and reexamination is requested.

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